MATTERS OVER THE RIVER

CITY FINANCES .- At the last meeting of City Council, the Finance Committee sented a statement showing the amount of laves due and uncollected in each Ward, for general purposes. Due in North Ward, \$10,583-99; MiddlejWard, \$5637-12; South Ward, \$9941-55. The duplicates are now in the hands of the constables, who reported the following sums collected last month:—J. C. Sloan, for North Ward, special for the constant of the constant was the start of the constant of the co tax, \$16.50; on tax warrant, school, \$62.30; City and Ward, \$521.75. J. W. Ayres, for Middle Ward, school, \$86.55; City and Ward, \$549.24. J. W. Campbell, for South Ward, school, \$52.95; City and Ward, \$455.85. During the last month \$1000 was paid to the families of volunteers, Mayor Bodd was voted \$200 for extra services rendered in paying the families of our soldiers.

THE REWARD FOR INCENDIARISM .- The THE REWARD FOR INCENDIARISM.—The committee to whom was referred the claims for the reward offered for the detection and conviction of Richard Farrow, for setting fire to George Ward's barn, made a majority and a minority report. The majority awarded it as follows:—Jacob Daubman, \$141.67; George Coutts, \$141.67; John W. Campbell, \$141.67; John Graham, \$75. The minority awarded the entire reward of \$500 to Jacob Daubman, Atter some reward of \$500 to Jacob Daubman. After some discussion the minority report was adopted, and Daubman was the lucky man. The other applicants and their friends manifest considerable

THE WATER WORKS ELECTION.-Messrs. Beagary, of North Ward, Huston, of Middle Ward, and C. B. Cole, of South Ward, were appointed a committee by the City Council to make the necessary arrangements for submitting the question of purchasing the Water Works pro-perty to the decision of the people, at the ensuing spring election, water is to be held on Tuesday, March 13.

PAVING .- An ordinance has been passed authorizing the paving of Market street, from Sixth street eastward to its junction with Federa street, and Federal street, from said junction easty ard to the Camden and Amboy Railroad This is a much-needed improvement, which wil render access to the city far more safe and pleasant,

ABTUSEMENTS.

ACADEMY OF Music — The Magic Flute was thought by B ethooven to be Mozart's finest opera. The instrumentation is the very perfection of harmony, and the melodies have all that purity which no modern master, excepting, perhaps, Weber, has approached Like Weber, Mozart's genius was poetical, or rather elegiac; a tender sadness breathes through all his strains; yet in The Magic Fiute the comic Icharacter of 'Papageno' has a lignier music that is gay, but cannot come under the denomination of the opera outfoof modern times. Yet it astrain of the results are strained to the content of the perhaps o is stran e to trace the profound study that Rossini made of Mozart, especially studying The Magic Flute, and applying it to The Barbiere.

The grand area of 'Lareo al Factorum' is to be found in a solo of 'Monastatus," and all through we have snatches that recall the more modern opera, skowing evidently that trossin; both in melody and ion, at least remembered this score of This score has the highest soprano and the lowest bass part ever written. The two airs of the "Queen of Night" require a special prima do ana. Not only does the music reach to D in airssimo, but it remains almost always on the higher register. The execution is most difficult and intreate, more wonderful than pleasing, but in the taste of the day in which it was written. Mad'ile Naddi achieved this most difficult task with great success. Her voice somewhat thin, as high sopranes are apt to be, bas, however, a cleasing quality; her execution was correct and tasteful, nor was there the east appeatance of strain on the voice, even in the highest passages, that were written rather for the flute than the voice.

When Mozart wrote, the dispason or pitch was

nearly a tone lower than the standard diapason of the present day, so that the voices of the present

the present day, so that the voices of the present day are unnecessarily strained, for the airs might be transposed without injury to the score Mad'ile Nadot, though very voung is an artist of great finish, and evidently well educated for the stage. Her performance was a great success. Hermans as Zoroastr," gave the grand and dignified phase of his talent. His voice is full of power, never harsh, depth and breadth alone of tone are used to give force and expression. He never shouts or strains.

Caim and grand Herman's sung the sublime so os Mozart has written as the language of the great Eastorn p' ilosopher, with a perfection that impressed the audience with a teeling o completeness, such as we feel when gazing on one of Tutan's grand portraits, a whole biography in themselves. His voice is a wonderful organ for its evenness—never lesing quality in any porton of its register. The marvelous low notes that few bassos can reach were given to us round and tail. Himmer knows were given to us round and full. Himmer knows Now to sing Mozart. His style is smooth and melo-cious as the music of the master he sings. His pearing and presence on the stage are perfection. Few teners ever wore the classical tunic and toga with so much grace.

Miadame Johannson, whose voice, excepting in one passage, was most powerful and true, is also one of the artists who are musically of the high school that can sing and give effect to Mozart. Steinecke met the approval of the audience as "Papageno." His voice, sowever, is more veited and thick than it was last season. He sang the popular duett with Mad'lle Dziubla, one the Germans ideaght in, with much effect, and was encored. The orchestra gave full effect to the delicious instrumentation, with all its numerous obligate accompaniments.

The opera was a most satisfactory performance, showing the superiority in musical education of the German over the Italian school. The plot of the opera puzzled many, it is evidently a sort of operatic freemasonity, treating of the mysteries of Iris, and desinned to remain a mystery to all. It is to be regretted that this loveliest of music should not have "been married" to some interesting st ry. This veoing Martha will be given, with the addition of habelman's celebrated a ria of "Robin Adair." Madame Johannson, whose voice, excepting in

ARCH STREET THEATRE.—Our brother "Sam." ith his pretty cousin "Laura" and his acrobatic

NEW CHESNUT STREET THEATRE. - The Ice Witch, with all its spiencid scenery.

WALNUT STREET THEATRE. - The Member from Pike and Dickey's Wooing. Perelli's Opena.—Great curiosity is felt con-cerning the appearance of Miss C—, the new prima donea, in Moria di Rohan. Messrs. Durand and Waterman and Miss Denegre complete tais fine cast.

A FINE LECTURE.—Mr. Henry Peterson, (editor of the Saturday Exening Post) delivers his fine lecture entitled "The Quaker Fa hers," at Concert Hail, on Monday evening next. This lecture was read before the Fennsylvania Historical Society, and is said to be a remarkably fine literary effort. The subject is one that will interest all Philadelphians, as the speaker refers especially to acts of the early settlers of Pennsylvania, and the liberal prince ples which actuated them in their dealings with the aborigines.

Marriages on the Decline.

I am called upon to record one of the strangest phenomena of the times—a growing unpopularity in that most popular institution, the marriage institution. It is an important fact, one full of the deepest significance, as well to the political philosopher as the lightest gossip, that the number of marriages is relatively growing the number of marriages is relatively growing less every year. Especially is this so in cities, and most so in the metropolis. The records of the public journals, the statements of solemnizing ministers, and the current observations of the heads of families, all consur that there is a growing disinclination to marry, which, though growing disinclination to marry, which, though just apparent now, may soon become a serious matter. There have been no marriages of consequence in what may be termed "high life" this season, nor anything like the usual number among the middle classes. Now and then we see wedding-cards, or a bride at the opera or evening parties, but the number is astonishingly small. People are of course marrying all the time, but who are they? People whom nobody knows. The everlasting poor are tying themknows. The everlasting poor are tying them-selves up for life as usual.

When a man reaches that deplorable condition that he has not a change of shirts to his back, he is in a fit condition for the sacrifice. That has always been a strong incentive to the altar-bound, that when fortune frowns her hardest, and when things have gone to their worst, many a man defies fate, and takes a wite. It his lot in like improves, and it can hardly do otherwise, he gives the institution the credit, in business circles, and in the social scale, there has always been a premium on marriage. The In bosiness circles, and in the social scale, there has always been a premium on marriage. The man who takes a wife gives hostages to fortune, and has bound himself more firmly to the drudgery of toil. Merchants and bankers raise the salary of a young man when he marries, and frequently reuse to do it until then. It is

remarkable that the extraordinary natural proneness towards the dear sex should not require hindrances instead of stimulants. Yet it has passed into prover the best of a man do not marry young, it grows the less and less probable with him, and this is, pentaps, after all, the best argument for early marriages. It perpetually happens that of all classes when might and ought to marry they do not, while those who ought not, do.—N. Y. Cor. Illinois Jo, whal.

Spain and Chill. ALLEGED SHIPMENT OF A TORPHDO AL "D HXPLOSIVE WAR MATERIALS FROM NEW 1. ORE.

The Spanish Minister at Washingt, on, Seno Tassera, has made a representation to o ur Government concerning the alleged shipm eat of goods contraband of war to Chili from New York; and the customs authorities here have been enjoined to take action for the strict engo. Coment of the neutrality laws.

It is understood that the complaint of the Spanish Minister is founded on several facts. He speaks of the explosion of several barrels of a material of which the quality was unknown, but which barrels were sent from New York to As-pinwall. It appears that there was a leakage, and one barrel took fire and exploded, which com-municated the fire to the others, and that all of them blew up with a fearful noise. The excitoment was great, and there was considerable damage. The minister regards the facts as suspicious, and he mentions reports that have come from Callao, to the effect that a torpedo and twenty-two cases that may contain torpedo material have escaped from New York, and are likely to fall, or have already fallen, into the hands of the enemies of Spain, either in

Nothing is known here, so far as can be ascer tained, of the escape of my torpedoes, er other contraband articles, though two torpedo-boats that were to be shipped at this port for some southern destination did not start, owing to the fact that the author ties were watching them. It would not be difficult, however, for shipments "torpedo material" to be made in some of the thousands of barrels which are constantly going

on board vessels sailing southward.

The barrels that exploded at the Isthmus were sent from this part by direction of one of the Spanish agents, a well-known merchant. They were understood to contain oil.—N. Y. Evening Post, 28th ult.

The Commissioners to Disburse the State Relief to the People of Chambersburg. Judge Pearson yesterday announced his ap-pointment of the Commissioners to assess the damages sustained by the people of Chambers-burg during the Rebel invasion of Pennsylvania in 1864, and disburse the State relief pro rata among such sufferers. The following are the

H. N. Macellister, Esq., of Centre county.
John H. Briggs, Esq., of Dauphin county.
Thomas J. Jordan, Esq., of Dauphin county. Perhaps if the Common wealth had been completely searched, three more competent and conscientious gentlemen, better qualified to dis-charge the duties devolved upon them, could not have been found. All are lawyers of the highest reputation, business men thoroughly acquainted with the value of real estate, as well as fully qualified to make the assessments neces-sary to carry out in its fullest, most practical sense, the munificent relief voted by the Legisla-ture of the Commonwealth, to our suffering feilow-citizens of Chambersburg. We therefore congratulate the people of Chambersburg inte rested in this business, on the fact of having thus secured, for the final indemnification of their immense losses, gentlemen who will do them all justice.—Harrisburg Telegraph, 28th wit.

The Surveyor-General's Report. The report is gotten up with considerable care, and in addition to the statement of the operations of the Surveyor-General's

for the year, embraces some interesting facts history of Pennsylvania, including a cony of the charter granted to William Penn.
The report also gives a condensed review of the controversies in relation to the boundary lines of Pennsylvania, making in the whole a highly interesting and valuable document. From the report we learn that from December 1, 1864, to November 30, 1865, the number of new warrants issued was 562; number of patents on warrants, 546; patents on actuals rettlements, 547; patents on Franklin, Waterford, and Eric in lots, 62; miscellaneous payments, 37; certificates to the Treasurs, 1305. During the same time the amount of purchase money aggregated \$29,818.01; patent and warrant fees, \$6703.16; copying fees, \$1951.50, warrant fees, \$6703'16; copying fees, \$1951'50,8 making the total amount received through the office \$41,472'57. This sum, although much lower than last year, is, with that exception, the largest amount received into the Treasuryan a single year, through the Surveyor-General's Department, for a long term of years. From May 1, 1863, to Nevember 30, 1865, a period of two years and seven months (the official term of Caparal Barry) the total encount received from General Barr), the total amount received from lands was \$143,503.71. This amount exceeds by \$13,794°98 the aggregate receipts of the Department for the nine years preceding.

Perceiving that the sensation drama, Arrah na-Poque, is in such general favor in New York at present, it may not be uninteresting to your readers to know that Mr. Dion Boucleault is making great preparations for bringing it out in Paris on a grand scale early in May. It will be presented to the Parisians at the Gate Theatre, under the title of Le Noses Iriangaises. The directors are going to great expense for its speedy production, as they anticipate it will be eminently successful during the summer. The translation is from the clever pen of M. Eugene Flux, the author of the original of the Streets of Hus, the author of the original of the Streets of London. I wonder how the French will respond to the spirited words of the "Wearing of the Green?" At any rate, the oftener they are reminded of Ireland as a distinct nationality during the coming year the better.—From London Correspondence of The Irish People.

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